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Mr. R. MADANAGOPAL NAYUDU :—" Supposing, Sir, a man is too ill to get out of his house and sends a medical certificate, ought not that to be sufficient in itself ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" That is a hypothetical question."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" Do the rules allow that in spite of the production of a medical certificate, a man may be treated as absent from duty ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Then there are other factors also to be taken into consideration. In this case, the head of the department came to the conclusion that the medical certificate was not sufficient."

Mr. R. MADANAGOPAL NAYUDU :—" May I know what the other factors are which guide the heads of the departments ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I want notice."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Do the Government make a distinction between a certificate granted by a registered medical practitioner and a certificate granted by a practitioner not so registered ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " I suppose so."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Is the certificate granted by a registered medical practitioner always accepted ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Not in all cases."

Alleged dismissal of sweepers in the Government Press.

*2284 Q.—Mr. R. MADANAGOPAL NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that sweepers and messengers in the Government Press, numbering about a dozen, were dismissed summarily by the Superintendent ; and

(*b*) if so, what are the charges against them and what are their explanations, and what is the reason on which their appeal petitions have been rejected ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The services of the individuals were dispensed with for misconduct. They preferred no appeal to Government.

Mr. R. MADANAGOPAL NAYUDU :—" Are the Government aware that the appeals preferred by these people through the head of their department were not forwarded to the Government ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" The Government are not aware of it."